

SWOSU's First Ever Camp Duke Deemed Success

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's first-ever Camp Duke is being touted as a success.

SWOSU hosted 63 incoming freshmen at Camp Duke on the Weatherford campus during a three-day stretch, July 15-17. During the camp, freshmen became better acquainted with the campus and had the opportunity to explore off-campus areas such as Crowder Lake. Students were also introduced to several faculty and administrative officials. Students were basically given the college life experience before they officially attend SWOSU.

Jessica Skinner, coordinator of Camp Duke, said many campers expressed how happy they were that they came to camp, because many new friendships were made before their classes start on August 21.

Skinner feels the first year was a great success. The camp is not mandatory for incoming freshmen but is made available for those freshmen who want to participate. With new ideas and goals for Camp Duke 2014, the camp staff believes it will be even more of a success than the first.

"We did not know what to expect," says Skinner, "but camper attitudes and evaluations reveal it was a great first year."